ABSTRACT

A method and apparatus for configuration management for a computing device. The apparatus comprises an interface for providing available software to the computing device to be loaded onto the computing device. A processor executes a set of computer instructions to determine whether or not software resident in the computing device is authenticated or not. If the resident software is not authenticated, the processor loads the available software onto the computing device. If the resident software is authenticated, the processor loads the available software only if the available software is also authenticated.